

# CONTACT INFORMATION

## For information during an emergency, call:

The following hotlines will be established for individuals seeking emergency information.

- In Minnesota, call **651-297-1304** (metro area) or **800-657-3504** (non-metro)
- In Wisconsin, call **608-292-9643**

## For more information during non-emergency conditions call:

- Dakota County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator ..... **651-438-4703**
- Goodhue County Emergency Management Director ..... **651-267-2640**
- City of Red Wing Emergency Management Director ..... **651-267-2611**
- Prairie Island Indian Community Emergency Management ..... **651-385-4178**
- Prairie Island Public Safety ..... **651-267-4000**
- Pierce County Emergency Management Director ..... **715-273-6751**

## Social media links

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# PRAIRIE ISLAND EMERGENCY PLANNING GUIDE

This guide is for people who live, work, or attend school within 10 miles of the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant or are visiting the area. It provides federally required information about radiation and instructions for what to do in the unlikely event of an accident at the plant. The information in this guide is updated annually. Please attach your own personal or family plan to this brochure and keep it handy so that you can easily find it in case of an emergency.

For additional information, visit our website:  
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## RADIATION

On average, Americans receive a radiation dose of about 620 millirem each year. Half of this dose comes from natural background radiation. Most of this background exposure comes from radon in the air, with smaller amounts from cosmic rays and the Earth itself. The other half (310 millirem) comes from manufactured sources of radiation, including medical, commercial, and industrial sources. No adverse health effects have been shown to arise from these levels of radiation exposure.



## EMERGENCY CLASSIFICATION

Emergency Classification is a set of plant conditions that indicate a level of risk to the public. Nuclear power plants use the four emergency classifications listed below in order of increasing severity.

- **Notification of Unusual Event** – Events are in process or have occurred which indicate potential degradation in the level of safety of the plant. No release of radioactive material requiring offsite response or monitoring is expected unless further degradation occurs.
- **Alert** – Events are in process or have occurred that involve an actual or potential substantial degradation in the level of safety of the plant. There is no threat to public safety, but precautionary mobilization of response organizations is appropriate.
- **Site Area Emergency** – Events are in process or have occurred that result in actual or likely major failures of plant functions needed for protection of the public and response organizations have been fully activated. Precautionary protective actions for special populations might be recommended.
- **General Emergency** – Events involve actual or imminent substantial core damage or melting of reactor fuel with the potential for loss of containment integrity. Radioactive releases can reasonably be expected to exceed the EPA PAGs for more than the immediate site area. Some form of protective actions will be initiated.



## SIRENS

Sirens are tested the first Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. and will sound for one to three minutes. Sirens will also be activated for weather warnings or an emergency at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. If a siren is activated for an emergency:

- Stay calm.
- Go to your vehicle or nearest building.
- Use your radio, television, computer or smart phone to tune into a local media source.
- Pay attention to the Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages that will advise the public of protective actions deemed necessary by state and county emergency management officials.
- Do not call 911 or the plant for information. Use the emergency phone numbers listed in this pamphlet.

The EAS radio stations listed below are on the air 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

KCUE Red Wing 1250 AM  
KWNG Red Wing 105.9 FM  
WCCO Minneapolis 830 AM  
KNOW (MPR) St. Paul 91.1 FM  
KDWA Hastings 1460 AM

Goodhue, Dakota, and Pierce counties also use county-wide notification systems that will contact home and mobile phones. Contact your county emergency manager for information about these systems or how to enroll.



## PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

Conditions at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant are continuously monitored. If an unexpected release of radiation occurs or is projected, state and local officials may order protective actions (evacuation or shelter-in-place).



## EVACUATION

Evacuation would normally be directed as a precaution when large amounts of radioactivity are expected to be released over a prolonged period of time. Do not evacuate if your area has not been instructed to do so. If you are told to leave the area, follow these general instructions:

- Stay calm and do not rush.
- Gather what you and your family may need for a few days:
  - Clothing.
  - Medical supplies – prescription medication, glasses, first-aid kit.
  - Important items – identification, credit cards, cash/checkbook, cellphones and chargers.
  - Personal items – pillows, sleeping bags, personal hygiene items.
  - Children and infant supplies – diapers, baby food, favorite toys.
  - Pets and pet supplies, including immunization records.
- Shut windows and turn off the same appliances you would if you were taking a multi-day trip.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Keep windows and vents in your vehicle closed while driving in the emergency zone within 10 miles of the plant.
- Follow the evacuation route mapped out for you (see map on reverse).
- Go directly to the reception center (listed below). Officials there will assist in finding food, shelter, and if necessary, locating other family members you may have become separated from.
- If you have a family member in a nursing home or hospital, do not try to pick them up. These facilities have their own emergency evacuation procedures.
- If you have a child in school within the 10-mile emergency planning zone, familiarize yourself with the school's emergency response plan. Do not go to the school.
- If you are leaving pets or livestock behind, it is recommended that you provide an ample supply of food and water.